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In the Application of

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Serial No. 10/699,336

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Entitled: Benzofuran
Compounds, Compositions and
Methods for Treatment and
Prophylaxis of Hepatitis C
Viral Infections and
Associated Diseases

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The undersigned hereby petitions for an extension of time of 2 months beyond the time period set in the last Office Action. A check in the amount of \$450.00 to cover this fee is enclosed. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1406.

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Amendment and Request for Reconsideration

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 20, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: